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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiromi YUASA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD AND MAGNETIC REPRODUCING SYSTEM

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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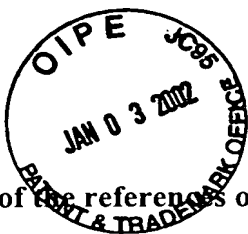
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

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